



# 2020-21 SCHOOL REOPENING Draft Plan Overview.

**Presentation for** 

Lawrence Alliance for Education and the Community

**August 5, 2020** 

## LPS Reopening Plan Goal

To safely return as many students as possible to in-person learning, while maximize learning and supporting our students' holistic needs.

Our plan requires
establishing
a culture of health
and safety, including
strategies, practices and
protocols focused on
accountability to minimize
risks for students and staff.



## 3 REQUIRED PLANS

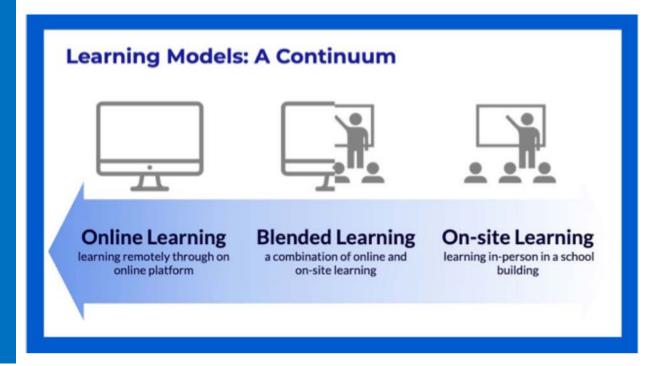
FULL In Person

HYBRID

FULL Remote

**JULY 31: SUMMARY DUE TO DESE** 

**AUGUST 12: LAE VOTE** 





## **FALL 2020 SCHOOL REOPENING**

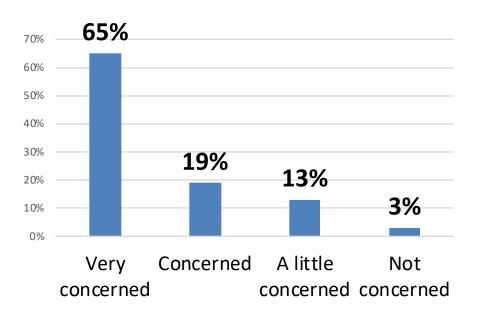
## **FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS**



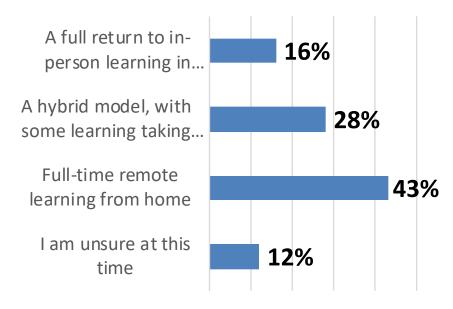
- Survey administered July 13-24, 2020
- Over 5800 responses (41% of enrolled students)
- Respondents represented all schools
- and grade levels PK-13
- 21% Special Education
- 44% English Language Learners

### **Family Feedback**

## To what extent are you concerned about sending your child back to school in the fall?



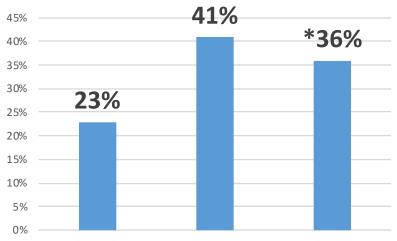
At this time, assuming a continued decline in Covid-19 cases, which learning option would be of most interest to you?



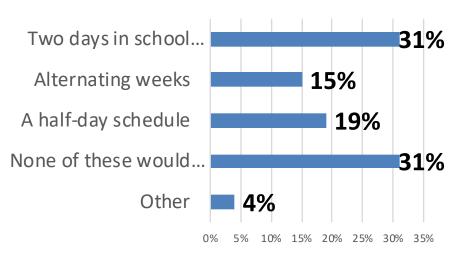
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## **Hybrid Model**





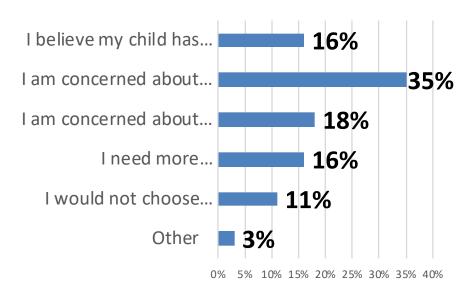
# If LPS were to implement a hybrid model, which option do you prefer for your family?



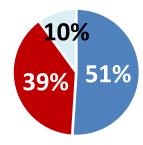
\*Of the 36% of respondents that do not feel a hybrid model would work, 77% would only opt for a fully remote model, 11% would opt for a full return to school and 12% are undecided.

### **Remote Learning**

# Why would you opt to continue with remote learning at home?



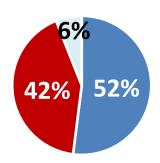
# How comfortable do you feel helping your child with learning at home?



- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Not comfortable

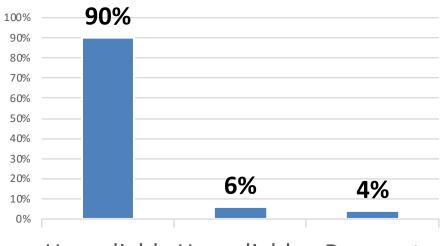
### **Technology Needs**

Does your child have reliable access to a Chromebook, tablet or computer to complete online schoolwork?



- Yes, a shared device
- Yes, a dedicated device
- No





Has reliable Has reliable Does not internet access, but have access only reliable through internet smartphone access



## **FALL 2020 SCHOOL REOPENING**

## **STAFF SURVEY RESULTS**



#### **Staff Feedback**

## Which aspect of the DESE Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance concerns you the most?

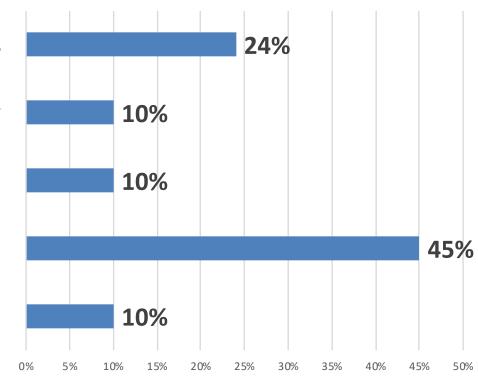
Physical distancing parameters

Limitations during the school day

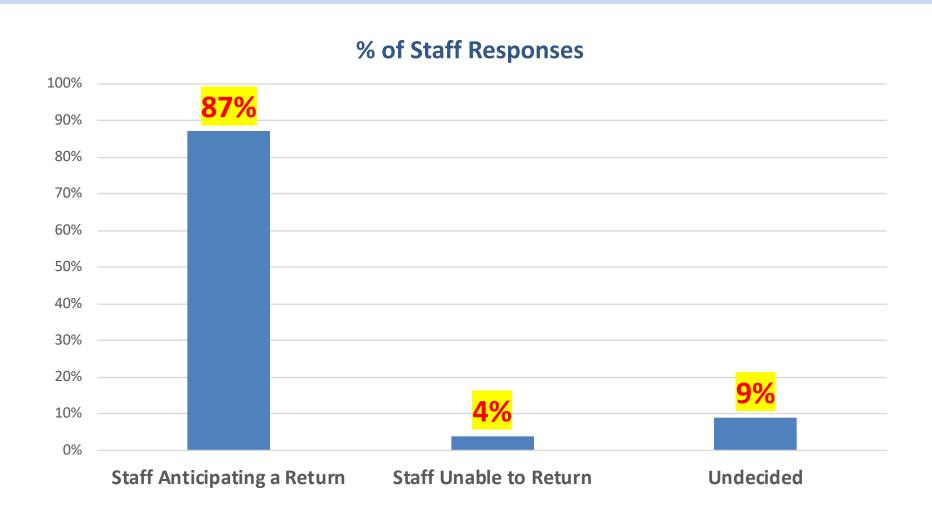
Wearing a mask during the school day

Returning to in-person instruction

I am fine with the guidance



### **Return to In-Person Instruction (Hybrid Model)**



## **Health and Safety Requirements**

LPS certifies that the reopening plan meets the current health and safety requirements issued by DESE

Specifically, the following plans are ready:

- Education and Pre-Screenings
- Infection Control Practices
- Dismissal Rooms and Procedures
- Health/Nurse Office Protocols
- Health Related Needs for Staff
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

#### 1. Full IN PERSON Model Considerations

Given the rate of COVID infections in the city of Lawrence, family and staff survey results, large class sizes and DESE/CDC guidelines we DO NOT anticipate returning to full in-person

learning this fall.

Looking ahead and before considering a full in-person

model, the Superintendent, in collaboration with the LAE, city leaders and health officials, will review community transmission data and any school case count data to ensure that the rate of positive cases is well below 5% in the city.

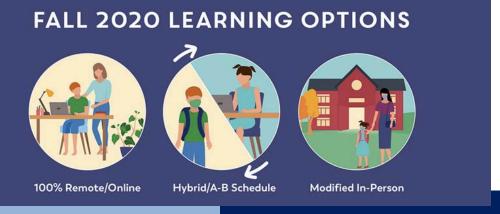
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### 2. HYBRID Model Considerations

While we strongly believe that the hybrid learning model is the most feasible model for bringing students safely back to school buildings this fall, we also know that a hybrid model can be disruptive to students, families, and staff.

As such, we have worked to streamline student and staff hours by grade-band across the district in an effort to provide consistency and to support

Our community.



## **Hybrid Model Grade Level Continuum**

| <b>Sudent Population</b>          | Hours/Schedule  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten | AM Session: Monday to Friday 8:00am-10:30am<br>PM Session: Monday to Friday 12:00pm-2:30pm  |
| Grades 1-8                        | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am-1:00pm* *This is a blend of in-person and remote learning (A/B Schedules)                  |
| Grades 9-12                       | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am-3:30pm* Wednesday 8:30am-11:00am* *This is a blend of in-person and remote learning (AM/PM Schedules) |

#### **NOTES:**

- 1. These schedules meet DESE's expectations for structured Time-on Learning of 850 Hours for Grades 1-8 and 935 Hours for Grades 9-12 and a total of 170 School Days.
- 2. Grade 1-8 Schedules include enrollment in optional districtwide Virtual Enrichment Camps from 2:00 3:00 pm.
- 3. The proposed calendar lists September 16th as the first day of school.

#### HIGH NEEDS POPULATIONS in the HYBRID Model

→ For English learners and Students with Disabilities, as well as for several additional groups of high needs students, ensuring the physical, emotional and psychological safety of every student is a priority for our reopening plans.

| HIGH NEEDS    | MONDAY      | TUESDAY     | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY    | FRIDAY      |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| PRE-K         | AM or PM    |
| Kindergarten  | IN PERSON   |
| Grades 1-8    | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 |
|               | IN PERSON   | IN PERSON   | REMOTE      | IN PERSON   | IN PERSON   |
| Grades 9 - PG | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 | 8:00 – 1:00 |
|               | IN PERSON   | IN PERSON   | REMOTE      | IN PERSON   | IN PERSON   |

NOTE: SEE DRAFT PLAN for complete list of HIGH NEEDS Student Cohorts

### 3. FULL REMOTE Model Considerations

Should there be a necessity for LPS to revert to a FULL REMOTE LEARNING Model, it will be critical to consider the lessons learned from the prior emergency closure period.

Ensuring that our plan is well-communicated and providing staff with tools and resources for effective remote learning will ensure that our students are presented with a program that supports student growth and achievement aligned to grade specific content standards as outlined in the MA Curriculum Frameworks.

In the event that the district needs to employ the FULL REMOTE LEARNING model, additional devices will be deployed to ensure all students have access to a device during school hours. The student hours (8:00am-1:00pm) will remain the same in the full remote model.

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## Family Preference for a FULL REMOTE Model

All LPS families will have the option of full-time remote learning regardless of the model we implement this fall. This requirement, combined with the possibility – perhaps even likelihood – that the virus could force future school closures, makes a robust, comprehensive remote learning model imperative.

To enroll a student in full remote learning, families must complete an Enrollment Form. This form will be available starting August 7th.

## **Next Steps**

- Collect and review additional FEEDBACK
- Host Superintendent's VIRTUAL FORUMS to engage families, students, and community partners
- Submit a FINAL PLAN DRAFT to DESE after LAE Vote (anticipated August 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Launch the Return to School HOTLINE (978) 722-8040
- Release VIDEOS showing what school will look like in the fall and the steps we are taking to make re-entry safe, productive and welcoming

## Feedback Forums

| Monday, August 10th                            |               |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| Nurses/LPS                                     | 12:00 - 12:50 |  |  |  |
| Partners                                       | 2:00 – 2:50   |  |  |  |
| ELPAC/SEPAC/MAC                                | 3:00 – 3:50   |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - Early Childhood Families | 4:00 – 4:50   |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - All Families             | 6:00 – 7:00   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, August 11th                           |               |  |  |  |
| Café/Custodial In-person meetings              | 9:00 – 1:30   |  |  |  |
| Clerks, Exempt, BBE's, LTS, Paras, Assistant   | 2:00 – 2:50   |  |  |  |
| Principals, Deans                              |               |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - HS Students              | 3:00 – 3:50   |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - Elementary Families      | 4:00 – 4:50   |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - High School Families     | 5:00 - 5:50   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, August 12th                         |               |  |  |  |
| Teachers                                       | 10:30 – 11:30 |  |  |  |
| Virtual Coffee Hour - Middle School Families   | 4:00 – 4:50   |  |  |  |

Thank you